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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4543rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 24 May 2002, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms its previous relevant resolutions and statements regarding Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in particular the statements of its President of 7 March 2001 (S/PRST/2001/7) and 9 November 2001 (S/PRST/2001/34).

"The Security Council deplores the adoption by the Assembly of Kosovo, in its session of 23 May 2002, of a "resolution on the protection of the territorial integrity of Kosovo". It concurs with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General that such resolutions and decisions by the Assembly on matters which do not fall within its field of competence are null and void.

"The Security Council calls on Kosovo's elected leaders to focus their attention on the urgent matters for which they have responsibility, in accordance with resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 and the Constitutional Framework. Concrete progress in those areas is of paramount importance to improve the life of the people.

"The Security Council reiterates its full support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. It urges Kosovo's leaders to work in close cooperation with the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the international security presence (KFOR) with a view to promoting a better future for Kosovo and stability in the region. All steps undermining those efforts are detrimental to this common objective."

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